

More TROUTVILLE tidbits!

There's a New Chef in Town!

Executive Chef Bradley Harris comes to **The Pomegranate** fresh from *Local Roots* in Roanoke, where he was Sous Chef. His previous position with Clipper Cruise Lines nurtured his deep appreciation and honed his skills with foreign cuisine from over 40 countries around the world. Coming to settle in the Roanoke Valley gives him the opportunity to integrate his interest in local fare with his unique menu creations. Originally from Phoenix, Brad graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in 2006 and returned from his worldly voyages on the Clipper Adventurer to be Executive Sous Chef at Hilton Head East in Tucson.

Please join **The Pomegranate** in welcoming Brad, and come in and savor his new selections as he embraces their menu themes and adds his creative flair with a crisp, fresh new personality to their well-loved atmosphere and dining experience!

ICE CREAM & HOT DOGS NOW IN TROUTVILLE!

The new shop is called *Sweet-Tooth Ice Cream Shop* and Will & Paula Brandt know

how to do it right. Former owners of a shop in Buchanan, these folks will not only serve specialty sundaes, shakes, floats and malts, but also New York pushcart style Sabrett® hot dogs. Tuesday is *Senior Day* and Sunday night from 6pm-8pm is *Family Night* – both have single-scoop cones for \$1.00. The Brandt's welcome live music on Saturday evenings...if you're interested in performing, go see them!

They are located at 7367 Lee Highway – just a mile north of town - at the J&R Store (formerly "Scott's") at the north end of the building. Store hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, 11am-8pm, and Friday and Saturday, 11am-9pm.

Another Hershey ice cream supplier in town is *Cackleberry Ridge* at 81 Stoney Battery Road. They offer six different flavors, if you're interested in a cone. Also popular among the teenagers is their apple cider slushies. Store hours are Monday-Saturday, 10am-5pm and Sunday, 1pm-5pm.

Happy Time Good Humor Ice Cream Truck – by chance – at the Troutville Park!



TOWN SCOOP

It's
Coming.....



WHERE ARE THE TROUT?

By Marlene Garten

I've often wondered where the trout are located in Troutville. I've looked for them, but just couldn't find them. Truth is, Troutville is not really named after the Pisces, but rather after John, Jim and George Trout. Apparently these three brothers had houses in this old railroad town called "Troutsville." I guess it was plural because there were three Trouts. Sometime later, the name was changed to Troutville. I bet they changed it after the demise of the three Trouts.

Although I've heard Troutville described as a somewhat dreary little town, it's not going to stay that way if **The Friends of the Park** have anything to do with it. I understand that back in the 1890's, "Troutsville" was an important shipping center with its own railroad station, canneries, packing houses and factories. I'd like to see it really booming again with the traffic slowed down to a crawl in the heart of the town, flags flying, flowers blooming, shops and businesses of all kinds with open doors and booming business, and people everywhere.

Troutville is a part of Botetourt County, as you well know. It was first settled in around 1740. At one time, Botetourt County reached all the way to the Mississippi River and back. There's an argument among the locals on just how to pronounce this historic county name. Some natives declare vehemently that it is pronounced Bot-a-tot. In fact, I have a copy of a Botetourt County brochure published by the Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce that even goes so far as to write out the pronunciation clearly as "Bot-a-tot." Then, you have another group of natives who argue that the county is pronounced Bot-e-tot. I have another brochure entitled "Welcome to Botetourt County" that declares and I quote, "Botetourt is pronounced 'Bot-e-tot,' or more quickly and almost as one syllable by natives, Botetot." Okay. Maybe Bot-a-tot and Bot-e-tot, if pronounced quickly enough and without separating out the syllables, might both be right.

Let's all do our best to ensure the economic growth of our little town and support the businesses that we have in our midst. If you are a thinker and a bold dreamer, maybe you're the one to open a new business or assist our town's officials to make Troutville a special pearl in the heart of Botetourt County - no matter how you say it.

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